

Introducing a New Series of Invited Review Articles

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In a number of fields of medical research, Malaysian investigators have made notable scientific contributions, which, perhaps for their importance, have been published in international scientific journals. These findings, scattered in various specialist medical journals, would have found their audience among specialists of similar interests. However, these findings ought to be of interest to a different audience on account of their place of origin. Being about Malaysian patients, it is only fitting that these findings should have a Malaysian audience.

The Medical Journal of Malaysia hopes to be a forum for the local publication of important findings of our Malaysian medical researchers whose work have gone international – and perhaps escaped local attention. The Medical Journal of Malaysia actually has an open door for publication of relevant abstracts from other journals. But, we notice that nobody actually knocks on that door! We have therefore begun to invite eminent Malaysian medical scientists who have become experts in their field of study and had their work published elsewhere to write review articles for our local audience. We ask them to review the topic of their investigation with special mention of their contribution to it. We introduce the first of these series of reviews in this issue of the journal¹.

CT Tan and HT Chong have, together with several co-workers, published over twenty papers on multiple sclerosis in Malaysia. In fact, it was CT Tan through a post-mortem study, who established the existence of multiple sclerosis in this region beyond doubt².

We look forward to more reviews like this in the future. We have several writers in the pipeline but readers can suggest topics and writers to the Editorial Board to consider inviting them. It will be the prerogative of the Board to decide on the suitability of the subject and the author. However, do remember that if you come across an article in an international journal or have written such an article, that has content relevant to Malaysia, that the option of writing an abstract of relevant papers is a door that is still open.

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